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The Crucible, Act IV, by Arthur Miller

Support for Writing

Prepare to write a **defense** of one of the character's actions in *The Crucible*. Present the best possible defense you can, as any good defense lawyer is required to do. Choose a character and fill in your arguments below.

Defense of _____

"Pros" (Good qualities—why the character seems innocent)	"Cons" (Bad qualities—why the character seems guilty)
Evidence from <i>The Crucible</i> :	Evidence from <i>The Crucible</i> :
1. _____ _____	1. _____ _____
2. _____ _____	2. _____ _____
3. _____ _____	3. _____ _____

On a separate page, draft your defense. Begin by admitting the negative aspects of your character's traits and actions. Then, move to his or her positive aspects. Use persuasive language. When you revise your draft, be sure you have built a case that acknowledges the person's negative traits but supports the positive ones.